

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program February 7, 2012

Mine Name: Hi Cal	Permit Number: M0230071		
Operator Name: Robert Steele	Inspection Date: February 2, 2012		
Inspector(s): Wayne Western	Time: 11:40 - noon		
Other Participants: Jerry Mansfield BLM	Mine Status: ACT		
Weather Conditions: 28 degrees F overcast skies	Last Inspection: June 24, 2010		
Bond Renewal Date: 10/13/2005	Bond Amount: \$20,000.00		
Surface Ownership: BLM	Mineral Ownership: BLM		

	Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds			
2.	Annual Fees			
3.	Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)			
4.	Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control			
5.	Deleterious Material			
6.	Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)			
7.	Concurrent Reclamation			
8.	Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)			
9.	Water Impoundments			
10.	Soils			
11.	Re-vegetation			
12.	Air Quality			
13.	Other			

Purpose of Inspection:

This was a bond release inspection. The Operator applied for Phase I bond release. The Operator had completed the backfilling and grading approximately three years ago but had not applied for bond release until now.

Inspection Summary:

There was a slight snow cover on the site. Both Jerry Mansfield and Wayne Western had visited the site after backfilling and grading when there was no snow cover. The site is stable.

The findings of the June 24, 2012 inspection were that the site was eligible for Phase I bond release. The site is still stable and chould be granted partial bond release. The Permittee requested full bond release. The Division cannot make a finding on vegetation cover until April. The Division will place the bond release process on hold until April 2012. If the Permittee wants a partial bond release sooner then the Permittee can apply for a partial bond release.

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Conclusions and Recommendations:

The Division should approve Phase I bond release.

Inspector's Signature

WHW:

cc: Robert Steele

Jerry Mansfield - BLM

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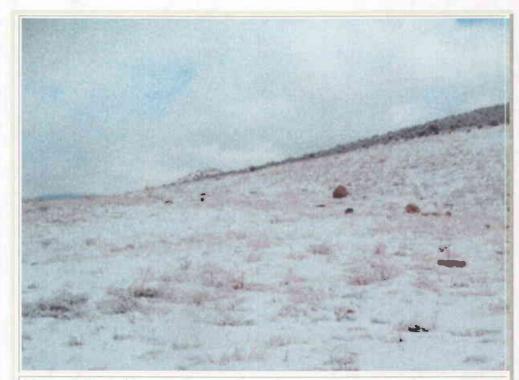
Wayne bedet



Looking east at reclaimed site



Reclaimed site boulder left for habitate



Some vegetation on site



Site has some vegetation